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In re application of:

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FOR MANIPULATING COUPONS  
AND THE LIKE IN CIGARETTE  
PACKING MACHINES

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**Information Disclosure Statement**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 within the time specified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

In order to comply with applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is notified of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The attached documents are cited in the specification. DE 695 07 004 is a counterpart of US 5,657,609, DE 39 40 789 is a counterpart of US 5,146,728, DE 40 39 133 is a counterpart of US 5,163,268, DE 695 02 543 is a counterpart of US 5,782,736, and DE 36 34 489 is a counterpart of US 4,741,145.

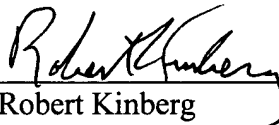
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